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would list the reasons honestly.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Okay, thank you. In my local area, my local county, the one county that I represent does not have planning and zoning, and the other one does have planning and zoning. I have attended a lot of the meetings of the planning and zoning commission as far as giving the approval or the disapproval of permits that were applied for. It seems to me at these hearings, they would really be very long, dealt a lot with emotions, a lot with facts. Facts were presented but it seemed to me like pressure was given upon the zoning board, you know, as to whether they should make a determination on it or not. And if they did make a determination, then it went on to the board of commissioners or supervisors, and then they had a hearing, went through exactly the same process. Those individuals that were opposed to it, you know, continued to put pressure on. The real concern that I have with a process like this, with a county board of supervisors or commissioners, it almost gets to be a political suicide when they make a decision, you know, one way or the other. And I think with this...with the intent of this amendment here, that they are to deal with facts and give a reason why they either approved it or disapproved it. I think this will be very beneficial as to the determination as to whether it should be approved or not. We have too many cases in the area where they're really not opposed to the operation. They are opposed to an individual and that is what they want to try to stop. And this really, you know, doesn't take care of that, and that really should not enter into the discussion whatsoever as far as the planning and zoning commission or the county board is concerned. Some people say some things are too big, but what is big? You know, just one bigger than the next guy? So that's something that, you know, we haven't made a decision on that and no one has. There maybe should be a determination some day as far as the size of an operation that could take place. One of the things that I have a real concern with in my local area is when an operation gets an approval, even in our county that does not have planning and zoning, if they don't install the lagoon. And I will relate to a feedlot situation. Right the year that they put it in, and in two years they decide, well, they are going to have to get it in because of the permitting process. All of a sudden they decide,